

bond in the sum of two hundred dollars, payable to the state on behalf of the said fence commissioners, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of the said office. That the commissioners of Beaufort county may for cause remove the chairman of the said fence commissioners at any time.

Chairman shall execute bond.

May be removed.

SEC. 6. That if any live stock shall be found running at large within the said district and not on the lands possessed by the owner of said live stock it shall be lawful for any person living within the said district to take up and impound such live stock, and after five days' notice by any justice of the peace in that township may order a sale of the same for cash at public auction at some public place, and from the proceeds shall first pay all costs, including the expenses of impounding and keeping and feeding said live stock, and shall pay the surplus if any to the owner of such live stock: *Provided*, that if the owner of such live stock so impounded shall pay to the party impounding the same the sum of fifty cents per day on each head for such live stock then the same shall be released and delivered to the owner.

Impoundment of live stock.

SEC. 7. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to injure or destroy said fence and gates or for any person or persons to leave the said gates open. And any person or persons violating this section (seven) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Injury to fence a misdemeanor.

SEC. 8. That before this act shall take effect the board of county commissioners of Beaufort shall order an election to be held at some place within the district described in section two (2) of this act on the first Monday in August, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, at which election those entitled to vote shall cast a ballot written thereon the words "Stock law" if the voter is in favor of this act, and those who are opposed to the operation of this act shall cast a ballot written thereon the words "No stock law." And if a majority of the voters [votes] cast be for "Stock law" then this act shall at once be in force and effect with all of its provisions; but if a majority of the voters [votes] cast be for "No stock law" then this act shall be of no force and effect. All owners of land lying within the boundaries of the district described in this act shall be entitled to cast one ballot each.

Question of stock law shall first be submitted to voters of territory concerned.

Who shall be entitled to vote.

SEC. 9. That any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined or imprisoned at discretion of the court.

Violation of this act a misdemeanor.

SEC. 10. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 6th day of March, A. D. 1899.